

The Disappearance of Aeryn Gillern

On the 29th of October 2019, 3 days from now, a Vigil will be held for Aeryn across from the Kaiserbründl in order to remember him. I am hoping that anyone in Vienna that is against Police incompetence and homophobic misconduct as well as anyone that wants answers in the disappearance of a human being who may have met with foul play, as well as anyone wishing to celebrate the life of Aeryn Gillern and offer their support to Katheryn Gillern and her family to bring a candle and join us at the Franziskanerkirche on the 29th of October 2019 starting at around 18:00.

On the 29th of October 2007 American National Aeryn Gillern disappeared without a trace in Vienna, Austria. The subsequent Investigation by the Austrian Police has been botched in many ways and homophobia has been cited as one of the main reasons why this case was not taken seriously, allegations that the Austrian Police has denied. Early investigations show that the Austrian Police also did not take the case seriously because it involved the disappearance of a non-Austrian national, which according to them is not their responsibility. However as an Austrian this statement not only angers, but also worries me. If there is a killer in Vienna, should he not be found based solely on the fact that his victim was not Austrian? This statement in itself is outrageous and gives me a feeling of unease about our local Police forces ability and ambition to solve cases of such serious nature. One of the main reasons I have decided to attempt to write up a comprehensive essay about Aeryn Gillerns disappearance is the fact that within a week of my research I have found that the official theories about what may have happened to him to be almost impossible, as well as the widespread confusion and inaccurate Information available in all the articles published by various Austrian news outlets, which has made it a closed case for the Austrian police and sadly for the public as well. The only person that has provided any comprehensive Information in this case at all is Katheryn Gillern, a veteran New York police officer and mother of the victim. I am hoping that by including all Information available on this case and appealing to the Viennese people, the LGBTQ communitys in Europe and Worldwide as well as the True Crime community, that someone will come forward with Information that will help put this case to rest.

****As this is a very lengthy post and I am sure most people will not read it in its entirety, here is a quick too long, didn't read Synopsis of the most Important factors in this case and what you might be able to do to help find Aeryn Gillern. This case involves potential mishandling of an Internal Investigation by the Austrian Interior Ministry as well as homophobic misconduct by the Austrian Police force that hindered any progress in Aeryn Gillerns case. On the 29th of October 2007 we know that*

sometime shortly after 19:27, Aeryn had an altercation with another Sauna guest in the Kaiserbründl Sauna, a popular gay Sauna in Vienna that is frequented by many members of the gay community in Austria, including some who are influential and powerful. After the altercation Aeryn suddenly ran out of the Kaiserbründl naked and ran towards the Stubenbastei where his last confirmed sighting took place (refer to Map in Primary Research section to get a better picture of his route) and Police claimed he must have continued on towards the Danube canal and committed spontaneous suicide however their story has many holes in it. The most important missing piece of the Puzzle in this case is what exactly hapened during the altercation in the Kaiserbründl on the 29th of October 2007. We know of 2 People who definetly know something in relation to this case. Jenz, a regular at the Kaiserbründl who collapsed crying on the floor while giving Katheryn Gillern a tour of the Kaiserbründl in a room where the altercation likely took place. When asked by Katheryn what had happened here, Evelyn, a Canadian woman who was friends with Jenz and translated between him and Katheryn, told Katheryn that her son was gone and that it doesn't matter what happened to him, indicating she knows what happened here and it likely wasn't pretty. The other Person who may hold some vital information would likely be Günther, the Manager and/or Owner of the Kaiserbründl who has been very uncooperative throughout this entire Investigation, potentially solely because of the discreet nature of the Kaiserbründl but possibly also due to more sinister reasons, but it is unlikely he would be willing to reveal what he knows. However I do not believe either Jenz or Evelyn are truly bad people who wished harm upon Aeryn and that they likely just witnessed something or know of something that is so sensitive that they are scared to report it to the Police or anyone else for fear of the repercussions they might face, so I Implore you please:

If you or anyone you know were active in the gay community in Vienna in 2007 and know a Jenz or Evelyn that were also active in the community and were regulars in the Kaiserbründl at the time, or if you were a tourist in Vienna and visited the Kaiserbründl on the 29th of October 2007 and can remember witnessing any altercation or perhaps any other unusual events that happened there please come forward with any Information that you have. You can contact the Cold Case Unit of the Austrian Police, or if you do not want to be involved with the Police, you can also anonymously contact Katheryn Gillern, Aeryns Mother, Joseph Gepp, an investigative Journalist for Profil, or even just inbox me

personally if thats what you feel most comfortable with. Any small tip would be an immense help.

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Aeryn Gillern – The Person:



Aeryn M.J. Gillern was born on the 28th of April 1973 in Cortland, New York USA. He had a passion for the Roman Catholic Church and wanted to become a Priest for which he even entered a seminar in Graz, Austria. However since he would've had to preach against homosexuality in his career, Aeryn eventually decided against this path. He also had a great interest in the Opera, Movies as well as history and culture. All interests that made Vienna the perfect city for him. A city he has fallen greatly in love with. He received two Master degrees from the University of Webster (American University in Vienna) and went on to work for the UNIDO in Vienna from 2002 until his disappearance in 2007. In 2006 Aeryn was voted as Mr Gay Austria. Aeryn was not what you would call a cat person, but on his last visit to America his mother was fostering two Kittens and Aeryn could not help himself but fall in love with one of the kittens. This is a video that was shot shortly before his disappearance and found by his mother in his apartment in Vienna after she had been informed that her son is missing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJKchsiuuzo&feature=player>

As there are many places and people involved in this case I have decided it would be easier to create a list of places of Interests and of Persons of Interest to the case that will serve as a reference for anyone reading. RtC is short for *Relation to Case*.

Places of Interest

1.) Kaiserbründl Sauna, Weihburggasse 18-20, 1010 Wien

RtC: Last known Location of Aeryn, where a supposed altercation took place and where Aeryn stormed out naked. A very popular Gay Sauna right in the Centre of Vienna.

2.) UNIDO 1220 Wien

RtC: Aeryn's workplace

3.) Appartment two stops away from V.I.C.

RtC: Aeryn's Residence

4.) Donaukanal (in particular by Hermanns Bar)

RtC: Supposed sighting of a floating body

5.) Leopoldgasse 18, Vienna Police Department 1020

RtC: Police Department where Katheryn went after arriving in Vienna

6.) Buchhandlung Löwenherz Berggasse 8, 1090

RtC: Gay Bookstore visited by Katheryn

7.) Franziskanerkirche

RtC: Church across from the Kaiserbründl, where Aeryn's slippers were found

8.) Stadtpark

RtC: Possible alternate location that Aeryn could have ran too after leaving the Kaiserbründl

Persons of Interest

1.) Name: Pasi

RtC: Aeryn Gillern's Partner

2.) Name: Joseph Gepp

RtC: Investigative Journalist for "*The Falter*" who wrote several articles about the case

3.) Name: Kurt Linzer

RtC: Cold Case Squad Investigator

4.) Name: Umberto

RtC: Aeryn's upstairs neighbour

5.) Name: Georg

RtC: Friend of Aeryn's who called around and found out Aeryn was last seen at the Kaiserbründl

6.) Name: Günther

RtC: Kaiserbründl manager who stated he did not see Aeryn but was aware of a fight among Tourists; **PERSON OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CASE**

7.) Name: Weiss; Hessenberger

RtC: Investigator/s (unsure whether this is one person or two people) at Aeryn's apartment

8.) Name: Mrs. Antilupo

RtC: Head (?) at UNO that contacted Police

9.) Name: Leutnant Urnstein

RtC: Security Liason between the UN and Austrian Police

10.) Name: Sandra

RtC: UNIDO HR Representative

11.) Name: Arnisa

RtC: Friend of Aeryn's

12.) Name: (?)

RtC: Fisherman who supposedly spotted the body in the Canal; **PERSON OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CASE**

13.) Name: Viet/Veet/Vit (unsure of spelling)

RtC: Owner of Gay Bookstore *Löwenherz* who Katheryn went to see when she was in Vienna

14.) Name: Officer Ewald Widi

RtC: President of Gay Cops Austria

15.) Name: Angela

RtC: Psychologist who accompanied Katheryn to the Police

16.) Name: Jenz

RtC: Guest at Kaiserbründl who recognized Aeryn's picture outside of the Kaiserbründl where Katheryn was standing holding a picture of Aeryn asking for any Information; collapsed on the ground crying inside the Kaiserbründl on the spot where he supposedly last saw Aeryn; **PERSON OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO CASE!!!**

17.) Name: Evelyn

RtC: Friend of Jenz who translated between Katheryn and Jenz; **PERSON OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CASE**

18.) Name: Wolf Deucker

RtC: Witness who was the last person to see Aeryn at Stubentor

19.) Name: Florian

RtC: Friend of Aeryn's who has friends in high places and manages to set up a meeting between Katheryn and two Green Party Members

20.) Name: Maria Fekter

RtC: Interior Minister who responded to the Inquest by the Green Party

21.) Name: Mario Hejl

RtC: Press speaker for the Austrian Police Force

22.) Name: Johan Golob

RtC: Police Headquarters

23.) Name: Elisabeth Holzer

RtC: Cold-Case-Unit

24.) Name: Müller (Police officer)

RtC: Police officer that treated Aeryn harshly and potentially homophobic prompting Aeryn to write a Police complaint in 2003

25.) Name: Bryan

RtC: Friend of Aeryn's that witnessed the Police harassment that took place on the 13th of January 2003

26.) Name: Ulrike Lunacek

RtC: Green Party Member that requested the Inquest

27.) Name: Peter Pilz

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It is very important to preface at this point that this particular missing persons case is of a very sensitive nature and potentially involves wrongdoing on the part of the Austrian Police as well as the certain Government officials, facts that are immensely hindering any progress in this case. Homophobia seems to have played a big part in the initial Investigations by the Police officers who were in charge of handling the case, subsequent Investigations into any wrongdoing of Austrian Police were half-assed by the Interior Ministry, a fact which Maria Fekter, the Interior Minister at the time who responded to the Inquest brought forward by two Green Party Members, proves with her half hearted responses and lack of Research into a case where she should have access to all resources available. I am going to attempt to prove that a lot of the Information in the Inquest can be debunked as false and that some answers are the bare minimum of Information she could have provided. In order to do so however there is a lot to go through and because there are so many conflicting statements I will take a look at the 4 biggest secondary sources I have used for my research, after which I will be providing some of my own primary research that I have been able to conduct as I live in Vienna and sharing some of my own theories as to what happened to Aeryn Gillern on the 29th of October 2007.

Source 1: GONE: The Dissapearance of Aeryn Gillern

Released in 2011, GONE: The Dissapearance of Aeryn Gillern follows Katheryn Gillerns journey in Vienna as she tries to find out what happened to her son who she had just been informed was missing. I have created a timeline of the events chronicled in the Documentary that I believe are most important. I will also provide several different links to this Documentary at the end of this post.

- October 29th, 2007: Aeryn Gillern runs out of the Kaiserbründl naked and subsequently dissapears
- November 2nd, 2007: Katheryn arrives in Vienna and makes her way to Aeryns appartment with Pasi. Two Investigators (Weiss and Hessenberger) were already waiting at the door to Aeryn's Appartment but Aeryn's upstairs neighbour Umberto only opened the door once Katheryn and Pasi arrived. Investigators were cold and distant and immediately went on their knees and looked under the bed although it was clear there was nothing there and pulled the sofa forward, as if to appear to be conducting some sort of Investigating while really not doing anything at all.

When Weiss was asked what he thinks happened to Aeryn, he said they searched the Donaukanal because a Fisherman called at 20:20 saying he saw a man floating by on the river (a story that the police will still change many times). According to Weiss Police then immediately sent a Scuba team, a K-9 unit and the Fire Department to search for the man in and around the Donaukanal and at 20:50 they cleared the scene (aside from the fact that 30 minutes to start and conclude a search seems like it couldn't possibly produce any results, this supposed search is later confirmed to never have taken place). When asked why they didn't search the Sauna, Weiss said several times that the Sauna doesn't matter although they knew his belongings were there. Within one hour of this statement, the story about the

about the Fisherman had already changed for the first time. Now he just saw a body float by and not a bald-headed man.

- November 3, 2007: Leutnant Urnstein, the security Liason between the UN and the Austrian Police, calls Katheryn to tell her she needs to call the US Embassy immediately as there is something wrong and the Police keep changing their story. He calls back later saying she need to call NOW as the Police have changed their story once again. Katheryn went to the Leopoldgasse 18 Police Department with Sandra and Pasi. Three plain police officers meet them and two of them were smoking in the room while another seemed to try to intimidate her. They then go on to state what they think happened.

Polices first theory

Aeryn was in the Sauna and there was some form of disturbance/ altercation after which he ran out naked and committed spontaneous suicide, his homosexuality clearly made him emotionally unstable and potentially HIV positive and apparently gays who are emotionally unstable and HIV positive commit spontaneous suicide all the time in Austria.

(This controversial theory was refuted by Interior Minister Maria Fekter yet she failed to provide any attempt at even interviewing the Austrian Police officers in the room at the time, nor did she interview Sandra, Pasi or Katheryn about this incident. The suicide angle of this theory however persevered throughout the rest of the Investigation and seems to still somehow be the official theory as to what happened to Aeryn)

Pasi knew Aeryn was not HIV positive and got tested regularly even after receiving his HIV negative results on October 29th, 2007, the day of his disappearance. (This piece of evidence was in the possession of Austrian Police amongst Aeryns things when they made their statements, meaning they did not even bother to Investigate anything at all before making their theories as to what happened). Police now also state that Aeryn ran out of the sauna at 18:50, which Pasi says is impossible as he received a text from Aeryn at 19:27 that Aeryn just got of a 10 minute phone call with his friend Arnissa with whom he was going to a gathering after the Sauna. Police tell Pasi the time on his phone must be wrong after he tells them 18:50 is an impossible time for Aeryn to have left. Police then go on to ask Pasi if he knew about Aeryn being Mr. Gay Austria and ask Katheryn if she's proud that her son was Mr. Gay Austria.

- November 4, 2007: Katheryn walks along the Danube canal looking for any clues that might help her. She is denied the Police report that no one has seen until now (This is in part because of Austrian Data Protection Laws; because Aeryn Gillern is MISSING, he is assumed alive and because he is an adult his data must be protected even from close family members since he could potentially just have ran away and doesn't want to be found). Police state there was no witness other than the Fisherman (whos story has by now changed from seeing a bald man floating, to seeing a body floating, to a scream and a splash, to just a scream, to just a splash and eventually to just a scream in the distance).
- November 6, 2007: Leutnant Urnstein calls Katheryn asking her to meet at the UN and to pick up Aeryns belongings from the police station. Weiss pointed to a garbage bag on the floor telling Katheryn thats her sons stuff. As Katheryn and Urnstein walk down the street, Urnstein tells her he can't hel her anymore as hes busy with work and his personal life. Amongst Aeryn's belongings Katheryn finds the printed Lab- Report that proves he was HIV

negative, his phone and the phone calls and text messages he made/received (confirming the police's initial time of Aeryn's disappearance having taken place at 18:50 being impossible).

Katheryn goes to meet with the owner of the Gay Bookstore *Löwenherz* Viet (?) and tells him the story so far. He said he knew Aeryn and that two weeks before he disappeared the Austrian Police started a Lesbian & Gay support group for officers because of the heavy internal discrimination against Homosexual police officers. He gets in contact with Officer Edward Widi, the President of the Lesbian & Gay support group. Edward calls a friend working for the Emergency Response Call center and this friend says there had been no emergency calls placed from the specified Area on the 29.10.2007 and that no Scuba Divers, K-9 Unit nor the Fire Department were sent out and that no emergency call was placed from the Sauna either.

(While I cannot confirm this Information beyond Katheryn's word for it, it is an important clue as to the existence of the Fishermen, the one witness that the Police have to give their theory any credence at all; in my personal opinion, the Fisherman does not exist and is a witness fabricated by the Police)

- November 13, 2007: Edward arranges a meeting with the Police where Investigators refuse to give Katheryn adequate translation time and the Officer proceeds to start talking for 10 minutes. After Katheryn says that is unacceptable, the Officer stands up and says she does not know how an Investigation works nor how spontaneous suicide works.
- November 20, 2007: First Press release about Aeryn comes out, Headline reads *"UN-Diplomat läuft nackt durch Wien!"* (UN-Diplomat runs through Vienna naked!)
- December 4, 2007: Katheryn waits outside Kaiserbründl with a candle and a picture of Aeryn when a man comes out and recognizes Aeryn. He introduces himself as Jenz and asks Katheryn to come inside the Kaiserbründl with him. There he asks his friend Evelyn, a Canadian woman, to translate for him. Jen gives Katheryn a Tour of the Kaiserbründl during which he kept stopping and crying. When Katheryn tries to comfort him Evelyn stops her and says "Don't touch him, this is very hard on him." In a Room full of mirrors Jenz kept looking down at the tiles and crying. This is supposedly where he last saw Aeryn. When Katheryn asks what happened to her son Evelyn says "He doesn't wanna talk about it. Your son is gone and it doesn't matter what happened here. Your son is gone.". Evelyn then gave Katheryn two Kaiserbründl polo shirts and ushered her out. Katheryn saw several cameras inside but none were looked at by Police or anyone else.

(This is the most important piece of Information in this case; it is clear that Jenz, Evelyn and most likely several other Guests inside the Kaiserbründl know what happened inside the Kaiserbründl on the 29th of October 2007 and this event most likely directly resulted in the disappearance of Aeryn Gillern)

- December 9, 2007: Katheryn packs up all of Aeryn's belongings and ships back what she can.
- October 2008: Katheryn returns to Vienna to hold a Vigil for her son on the 1 Year Anniversary of his disappearance across from the Kaiserbründl. Katheryn contacts Joseph Gepp who just wrote an article about Aeryn's case and said there had been no witnesses. The next day he receives an E-Mail from University student Wolf Deucker who claimed he and his girlfriend had seen Aeryn the night he disappeared. At first Joseph was not sure whether to believe them or not but went to meet with them nonetheless. Wolf Deucker says they saw Aeryn run naked covering his privates. His girlfriend thought it was a prank so she

whistled after him after which Aeryn stopped, turned around and looked at them. They said they had never seen anyone look so scared in their life. He then continued running.

When Joseph gave this Information to the Police, they said there were no witnesses and that these people must be lying. Deucker and his girlfriend said they did not call the Police until the 20.11.2007, when the case was covered in the News, after which two Investigators came to take their statements on the 21.11.2007, something the Police denies ever happened.

Florian, a friend of Aeryns who has friends in high places sets up a meeting between Katheryn and two Green Party Government officials, Ulrike Lunacek and Peter Pilz, one of whom deals specifically with gay & lesbian issues among police while the other deals specifically with police issues. The Inquest was handled internally by Police and not externally as is usual. The Police now state the Head of the Fire Department made the decision not to search the Canal because of weathr conditions so they cleared.

- February 2009: The Austrian Parliament declines to investigate the case any further.

Source 2: "The Falter" Articles

Article from 19.11.2008:

Timeline of 29.October 2007:

- 19:00: According to Sauna and Police this is when Aeryn runs out of the Sauna
- 19:20: Aeryn talks on the phone with a UNIDO colleague (Arnisa). The conversation was normal and he seemed in a good mood.
- 19:27: Gillerns Swiss friend (Pasi) receives the last SMS: Aeryn will be home soon, he will call.
- 20:23-20:50: The Police searches the canal

Article from 03.12.208:

- Wolf Deucker, 26, was walking with his Girlfriend that night between 7 and 8 pm. They were walking between Stubentor and Bäckerstraße. Deucker says "We saw a naked man. He came from Stubenbastei towards Donaukanal. We thought it was a silly joke or a lost bet. We couldn't explain why someone would be running naked during light snowfall. My Girlfriend whistled after him and he turned with a scared impression, but continued running. He was drenching in sweat. He made a perplexed expression like he was being followed. However we saw no pursuers on the street. There were no other Pedestrians in this central area."
- Deucker described the man as tall and muscular and recognized him later in the "Heute" article
- Deucker got in contact with Police and two Officers took his statements. Police still claims there have been no witnesses except those immediately at the Sauna entrance.
- He was unaware his statements were ignored during the Investigations.

Article from 18.02.2009

The following are some of the statements made in response to the Inquest by Maria Fekter:

- According to Maria Fekter: "Mr. Gillern got into an altercation with another Sauna guest. The Reason for the altercation was because the guest asked Mr Gillern how he was doing.
- The altercation in Kaiserbründl led to Gillern running away and shortly after that a Fisherman contacted Police. *"Ein Mann treibt im Wasser des Donaukanals höhe Urania und Hermann's Strandbar."* ("A man is floating in the Water of the Danube canal by Urania and Hermanns Beach bar.")
- Fekter: *"Der Mann war Glatzköpfig und mit an Sicherheit grenzender Wahrscheinlichkeit sei er Aeryn Gillern gewesen."* ("The man was bald and with probability bordering certainty was Aeryn Gillern.")
- Four Police cars advanced towards the canal and looked for an hour yielding no results. Due to the heavy current sending in a diving team did not seem reasonable.
- A total of 7 People were interviewed in relation to the case
- The Saunas Manager says there was no altercation in the Sauna and that Police couldn't have spoken to any Sauna guests because Management refused to give out their guests Personal Information.

Source 3: ORF Thema Spezial- Mysteriöse Kriminalfälle (29.09.2017)

Monday 29.10.2007:

- Aeryn goes to work and plans to take homemade cookies with him, which he forgets at home. He leaves work at 18:00 and goes to the Kaiserbründl where he is seen running out naked at 19:30.
- 20:21: Police receive an Emergency call from a Fisherman claiming to have seen a man in the water at the mouth of the Danube canal/ Vienna river. Police walk along the canal but the current is too strong to dive. Police quickly conclude it was suicide.

Johan Golob's translated Statement:

"These allegations came after a year. They didn't come immediately, they came after a year, and these allegations included, as you said, homophobic behaviour and it was individual allegations, that were immediately investigated and these Investigations, both civil and disciplinary as well as Investigations that were forwarded to the Public prosecution have been determined to not be realistic."

- 2014 the Cold case unit takes on the case; Divers look through the Danube canal for the first time yielding no results.

Joseph Gebb:

“10 years have passed and there is no body. Usually, if he jumped into the Danube canal, in such cases eventually, sooner or later, a body shows up. In this case that simply isn't happening and hasn't happened after 10 years.”

Kurt Linzer of the Cold Case Unit:

“We tried to determine several times what the reason for his sudden departure from the sauna was. We could not determine it. Until today we have found no trace of the missing person.”

“Groynes are artificial obstacles that are meant to guide the water current in a particular direction. This was the reason why in the beginning of May 2015, through the assistance of the Cobra Special Forces we conducted a diving operation from the mouth of the Vienna river into the Danube canal until the barrage Freudenu, which is a total of 16 River kilometers and checked exactly these Groynes of the Danube canal.”

- The night of the disappearance the water had 9 degree Celsius and streamed with a speed of approximately 1m/s

The Police's Theory:

The strong current can quickly pull a body down where it can potentially get stuck and after several days/weeks decay could set in or there could have been some form of contact with a ship's propeller.

Source 4: Inquest into the Investigation in the Case Aeryn Gillern and the response by Interior Minister Maria Fekter (10.02.2009)

This is the Inquest that was launched by the two Green Party representatives Ulrike Lunacek and Peter Pilz on 11.12.2008. I will be including the links to the original documents as well as the translated version provided on the Website dedicated to finding Aeryn created and run by his mother Katheryn Gillern, which I am also using here. These particular responses stand out to me the most and show how even after an Inquest had to be launched, the Investigation was still met with the same lack of enthusiasm that resulted in no trace of Aeryn beyond his last sighting at Stubenbastei

- **Regarding question 1: Are investigations still pending, or is the file closed?**
Investigation in this case is ongoing.
- **Regarding question 2: How is the probable course of events of the disappearance of Aeryn Gillern to your perception?**
Based on the case record, the course of events was as follows:
Mr. Gillern got into an argument with another sauna guest between 7:00 and 7:30 PM on Oct. 29, 2007. The argument started when the other guest asked Mr. Gillern how he was.

Subsequently Mr. Gillern, suddenly and for no apparent reason, ran outdoors naked from the sauna. Later two eyewitnesses were found who saw a naked, bald man (evidently Gillern) running through the 1st District of Vienna toward the Danube Canal. Shortly thereafter a fisherman on the Danube Canal at Hermann Park in 1030 Vienna [3rd District, adjacent to 1st District] noticed a bald man drifting in the water there, who called for help and then sank in the water. It can be assumed with a probability verging on certainty that the man drifting in the water was Gillern.

- **Regarding question 3: Did the investigators tasked with this case check out the rumors according to which there was an argument in the sauna before the disappearance?**

Yes.

- **Regarding question 4: How many persons were interrogated altogether by the responsible Investigators in this connection?**

Based on the case record, written statements were taken from 7 persons regarding the matter; information was obtained by telephone from another 10 persons.

- **Regarding question 5: How does police get the opinion, that a positive HIV-Test can be a motive for suicide, if such an actual test was part of the belongings of the missing person and was conveyed to police afterwards again?**

There is no indication in the record that the investigators considered a positive HIV test, if there was one, as the reason for suicide by Mr. Gillern.

- **Regarding question 6: How do you explain for yourself the fact, that Aeryn Gillern verifiably used his phone after 19:00, which remained in the Sauna, although he is said to have left the Sauna already before 19:00?**

The assumed time of the argument in the sauna as well as of the departure from the sauna is based on the statements made by several witnesses. Since the missing-person report was filed on Nov. 1, 2007, three days after the incident in the sauna, and only at this time could a connection by name be made between the unknown man in the Danube Canal and Mr. Gillern, the time of departure from the sauna could no longer be determined exactly, since the witness statements diverge. For the 7:00 PM time (supposed time of departure from the sauna) it is therefore a matter of the earliest possible time according to the witness statements. One witness gave 7:30 PM as a possible time in answering the investigators' questions. Eyewitnesses report having noticed a naked man running toward the Danube Canal at about 8:00 PM (see also answer to question 36). The telephone call of the witness who noticed a man drifting in the Danube Canal (see also answer to question 8) took place precisely at 8:21 PM.

- **Regarding question 7: Were these contradictions recorded in the file and worked on?**
Since the time of departure from the sauna could not be determined exactly, there is no contradiction with the time of Mr. Gillern's telephone calls.

- **Regarding question 8: At which time the emergency call was done, that led to the search on 29th Oct.2007?**

At about 8:21 PM.

- **Regarding question 9: Who gave this emergency-call?**
An eyewitness who saw the man drifting in the Danube Canal.
- **Regarding question 10: What was the content of this emergency-call?**
“A man is drifting in the water of the Danube Canal near Urania [Café Bar and Restaurant] or ‘Hermann’s Strandbar’; he’s shouting for help.”
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- **Regarding question 15: From when to when was the mission executed?**
Specifically from 8:21 to 9:21 PM; further search measures continued after that.
- **Regarding question 16: In which area was the mission executed?**
Site of operation: Vienna District 1, beginning at Uraniastrasse No. 1; after that, downstream, searching on both banks of the Danube Canal (site of operation: confluence of the Vienna River with the Danube Canal).
- **Regarding questions 19 and 20: Where there search-dogs in addition to the divers? , If yes: which traces were searched for?**
No, since there were no indications calling for deployment of search dogs. A possible connection with the missing person was made only after the missing-person report was filed on Nov. 1, 2007.
- **Regarding questions 21 to 24: Did further searches take place in this case since the search of 29th oct.2007? , If yes: of which kind were these searches? , When did they take place? , With which result?**
Besides the search operation on Oct. 29, 2007, no other targeted or coordinated search operations have taken place. Nonetheless, the office in charge of the case (now the Landeskriminalamt Wien [Vienna State Detective Bureau], East Branch) initiated an alerting of the regular police units (city police squads 1, 3, 11, and 20 and the Division for Special Units). This did not affect the investigative activity of the Landeskriminalamt Wien, East Branch; unfortunately, however that activity did not provide any concrete leads or starting points for a further planned search operation.
- **Regarding questions 30 to 32: Are the accusations of the mother concerning the non-cooperative and of presentiments against gays characterized behaviour of the investigating officials appropriate? , If no: which investigation-measures were set to verify these reproaches? , If yes, which disciplinary measures were set until now, or will be in future concerning this non-appropriate behaviour.**
According to the communication from the State Police Headquarters in Vienna, which is in charge of the case, the investigative officials deny engaging in such behavior. The checking of the accusations in this regard is not yet concluded; up to now, the State Police

Headquarters in Vienna sees no cause for disciplinary or administrative-law measures. In regard to possible relevance of the accusations on file in terms of criminal law, I can report that on Nov. 24, 2008, the Büro für besondere Ermittlungen (BBE) [Office of Special Investigations] of Federal Police Headquarters in Vienna received the Gillern complaint file in question. Based on this file, that Office has begun to undertake inquiries accordingly (consulting the original records, contacting the officials responsible for the investigation of the missing-person case in question, etc.) These inquiries have not been concluded. The Vienna State Prosecutor's Office will receive a final report on this matter in any case.

- **Regarding question 33: Is there a connection of the approach of police to the case with the letter of complaint Aeryn Gillern wrote to AI, in which he complained about inappropriate, brutal treatment by policemen on the occasion of a ticket-control on 11th Jan 2003?**

No.

- **Regarding questions 37 and 38: Do you think the procedure of the police is appropriate in this case? , Do you think the procedure of the police in this case is favourable for the picture of Austria in the world?**

According to the reports received, it can be assumed on the basis of the case record that proper procedures were followed in relation to both the operation on Oct. 29, 2007, and the processing of the file on the disappearance. In other respects, let me refer you to the answer to question 30. Apart from that, opinions and views are not the subject of parliamentary interpellation law, according to Art. 52, B-VG [Federal Constitutional Law]. [Translator's note: The "opinions and views" would be in connection with a question about the effect of procedures in this case on Austria's image in the world.]

- **Regarding question 39: How do you want to assure in the future, that relatives of missing persons, no matter if Austrian or from abroad, come across in forthcoming, compassionate, and comprehensible manner?**

Independent of the case at hand, I may point out that the Bundeskriminalamt has been given a relevant project tasking that concerns dealing with interested parties in connection with cases of disappearance. In connection with that, training content is to be developed accordingly.

Beyond including the Austrian Ministry's official views of the events that took place on and beyond the 29th of October 2009 I also had to include this due to some of the questionable responses. In Question 2 Fekter states a Fisherman states he saw a bald man drifting and then sinking in the water. "It can be assumed with a probability verging on certainty that the man drifting in the water was Gillern." The fact that the Fisherman has had the most questionable and changing stories in this entire case and that beyond him there is not a single other witness that reported any disturbance on the Danube canal in the hours of around 20:00 on a Monday in this extremely central area on a bridge that is constantly busy with traffic it can be assumed with a probability verging on certainty that there was no man floating in the water on the 29th of October 2007 and likely no Fisherman.

Fekter confirms that they were aware of an altercation in the Sauna but fails to provide an answer on whether these were in any way pursued and if so what findings were made. She then also states only 7 people were ever interviewed face to face while only 10 others were interviewed over the phone. Seemingly the bare minimum of people they could have interviewed. Fekter then denies a positive HIV test as being the reason for Mr Gillern's suicide, yet she does believe Mr Gillern did commit suicide based on as much evidence as she gathered during the internal investigation conducted against the police officers accused of misconduct.

The Emergency call supposedly placed by the Fisherman was given by Fekter: "A man is drifting in the water of the Danube Canal near Urania [Café Bar and Restaurant] or 'Hermann's Strandbar'; he's shouting for help." Personally I do not know if this is simply my own personal bias in regards to the theory that the Fisherman does not in fact exist, but this seems like it is once again the bare minimum, potentially even of an attempt by the Ministry or the Police to tie this case together nicely and close it. The call does give all the information that is needed and perhaps the Responder really didn't need to give the Fisherman any further instructions however it does still seem fishy to me that a one sentence emergency call is all that can be provided. The particular spot where this call would've been made from is a very popular fishing spot and it is very likely that on any given day one or more Fishermen will be sitting there fishing, which perhaps could have served as the inspiration for this potentially fabricated story in the first place.

Another thing that stands out to me is that according to Fekter there was never any reason to assume search dogs would be needed in the search efforts, which is a proposterous claim even if we consider the fact that the connection between the man that was supposedly falling into the Danube and the missing Aeryn Gillern was only made days later, as this inquest was answered 2 years after those events and since then, until now, the deployment of cadavre dogs could still reveal potential results. Cadavre dogs can still detect the scent of a corpse even within a body of water yet no cadavre dogs were ever considered in the area around the Danube canal or around the Kaiserbründl.

Fekter goes on to repeatedly deny any wrongdoing on part of the Austrian police nor of any evidence of any individual officers wrongdoing and making no effort to give any further information on the state of homophobia within the Austrian police force. She also displays the Austrian Ministry's lack of interest in the "opinions" and "views" that the World hold of how crime is handled in Austria and how those views have no effects on any investigations conducted by the Ministry of Interior, a fact made apparent by the completely mishandled investigation of the disappearance of Aeryn Gillern.

Further Interesting Facts from various secondary Sources

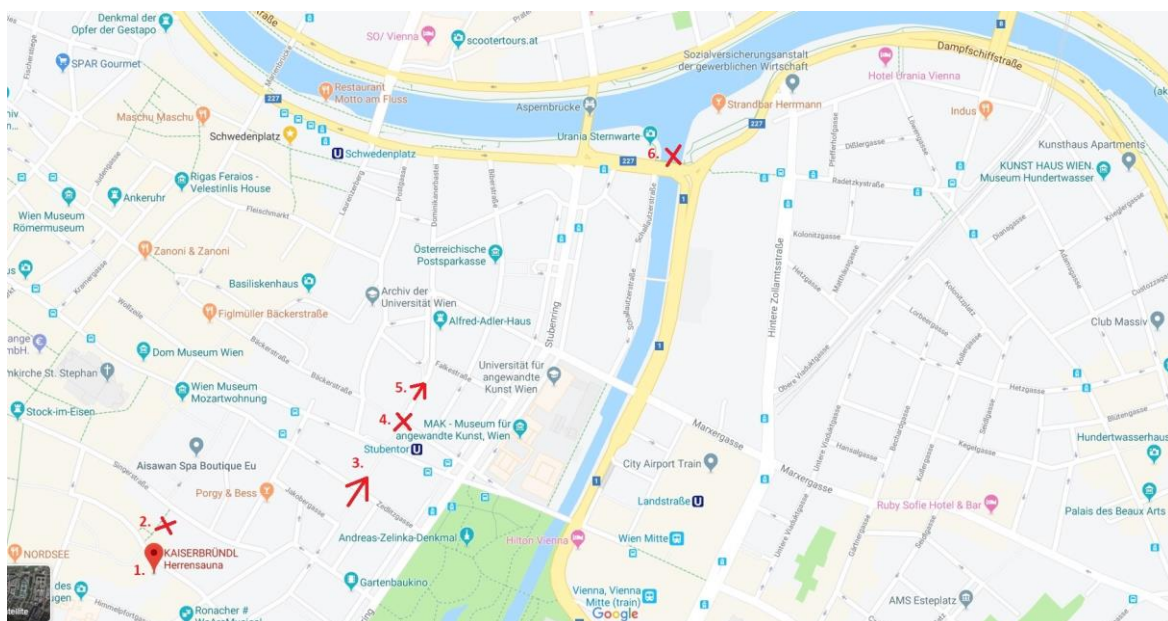
- The Kaiserbründl is the most famous Gay Sauna in Vienna and is frequented by many influential people, including Ministers and older men some of which hold a great deal of Power. Due to this there are many measurements taken to assure discretion at the Kaiserbründl, there is a discreet parking spot as well as guaranteed anonymity for all its guests.
- Aeryn's slippers were found 15m away from the Kaiserbründl at the entrance to the Franziskanerkirche
- Kaiserbründl was the sponsor of Mr. Gay Austria and it was no secret that there was jealousy and contempt among its patrons

- On October 29, 2016 Katheryn Gillern was holding another vigil in front of the Kaiserbründl when she was approached by the owner of the Kaiserbründl. Initially he pretended as if he wanted to pay respects but as the evening progressed it became clear he just wanted to speak bad about Aeryn and to others attending the Vigil.

Primary Research Findings

- After having walked around the area around the Kaiserbründl and towards the Stubenbastei and further to the Danube canal on several occasions in the past Month, on several Mondays at around 19:00, I have come to the following conclusion: It would be possible to reach Stubenbastei from Kaiserbründl at the given time of day with barely to no witnesses, however it would be virtually impossible for a bald, muscular, 185cm tall naked man to go any further towards the Donaukanal especially if going along or even crossing the Ringstraße without being seen by a significant amount of Pedestrians and drivers between the hours of 19:20 and 20:20 even with the slight snowfall that night. Assuming the emptiest route through the emptiest side streets with the least amount of people, the amount of witnesses beyond the Dominikanerbastei should still be at least in the double digits and of those at least some would've likely come forward by now.
- Coincidentally on one of the days that I was conducting some research on the bridge that Aeryn would most likely have jumped from considering it was the only place close enough to the supposed sighting by the Fisherman, 2 people were conducting a Vehicle statistic (counting all the cars that are driving by and recording them in Intervals) on the very same bridge on Tuesday 17 September, 2019 and they said that at 19:00 there would be an average of 500 cars passing on the small bridge every 15 minutes. These numbers would not likely have been very different in 2007 as this area was equally busy back then.

This is a map of the area of the Kaiserbründl Sauna and the place from which the supposed Emergency call was placed:



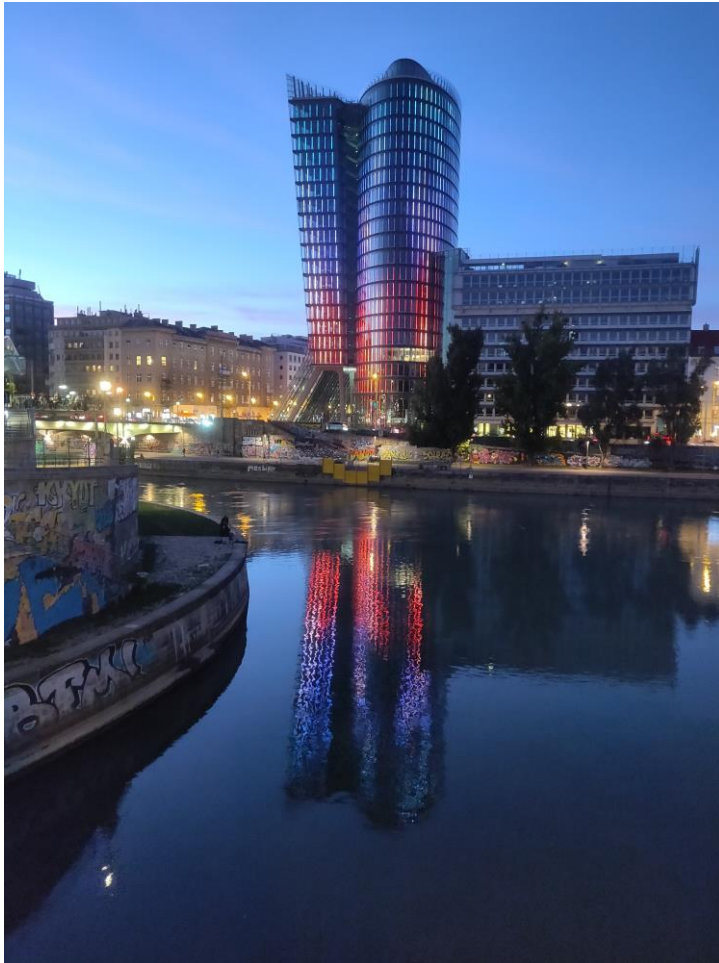
- 1.) Kaiserbründl Sauna where an altercation took place that resulted in Aeryn Gillern storming out of the Sauna naked in a panic;
- 2.) Franziskanerkirche where Aeryn lost his slippers and continued running;
- 3.) Stubenbastei, the street Aeryn came running from;
- 4.) Wollzeile, the street where Wolf Deucker and his girlfriend were coming from and where they saw Aeryn run naked up the stairs towards Dominikanerbastei, LAST CONFIRMED SIGHTING OF AERYN;
- 5.) Dominikanerbastei, the street which Aeryn is confirmed to have run up but beyond this point we cannot say which path Aeryn took. As this street is elevated from where Wolf Deucker and his girlfriend were standing we cannot say whether Aeryn ran straight, left or right at the immediate junction that can be seen on the map after that;
- 6.) The point where a man was reported as floating in the water, the spot to the immediate left of it is likely where the Fisherman would have sat;



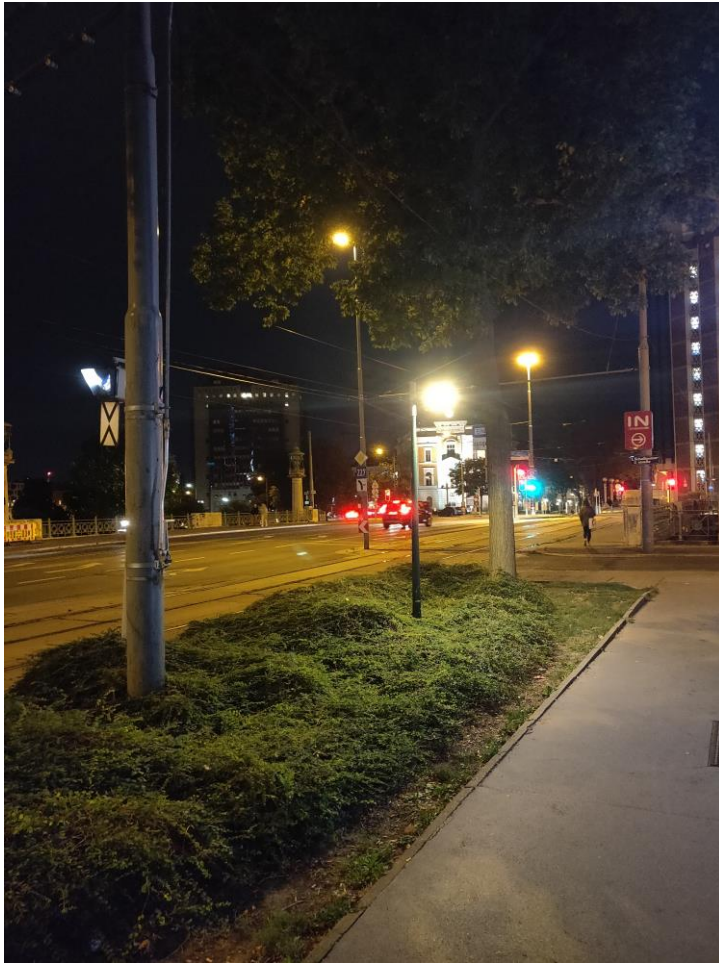
The Entrance to the Kaiserbründl



Last location Aeryn can be definitively placed in



A picture taken from the bridge Aeryn supposedly jumped from, on the left a lone Fisherman can be seen, if a Fisherman did see Aeryn from here 12 years earlier, this would likely have been the same spot he would have sat in;



The same bridge, on the spot on the right was where 2 people were making a Vehicle Statistic the day after this one;

My Personal Conclusion

The case of Aeryn Gillern is a case that has been extraordinarily mishandled by the Austrian Police and subsequent Investigations into any misconduct were not taken seriously. As an Austrian I am appalled by this, but not surprised. I have to preface my following statement by saying that I thoroughly believe the Austrian Government and Police to conduct the vast majority of their operations in good conduct and for the most part neither of these bodies are filled with corrupted officials and officers who will only follow the trail of money, however any Organisation on Earth is susceptible to bad individuals within it who will behave in ways that do not represent the values of said organisations, be it through homophobic views interfering with how an Investigation is handled, or fabrication of facts to put a case to rest, the real danger comes from when these Organisations stay silent about these actions and dont take significant action to avoid allowing these individuals to represent their values as those of the Organisations. We must only remember the Incompetence of the Austrian justice system in the case of Jack Unterweger, his release and subsequent killing spree that the Austrian police was unable to solve until the American Police got involved, the lack of a thorough search of Priklopil's residence in relation to the Natasha Kampusch kidnapping or any further follow up in the following years after he was taken at his word for a dodgy statement as to

why he had a white pickup truck that day, as well as the recent corruption scandals involving our most recent Minister and likely many other Government officials. These incidences all prove corruption and incompetence is no foreign concept to the Austrian police or the Government and as long as the perpetrators are not brought to justice it poses a great risk for both incompetence and corruption to grow further within these bodies.

These two factors prove to be catastrophic in cases such as these, because what has not been said by anyone involved in Investigating this case is that there is a potential that a murderer has been escaping justice for 12 years. Of course this is as much conjecture as the Police's official theory that Aeryn Gillern committed suicide is, but as long as a case is unsolved, all realistic potential theories must be considered and pursued, most especially in cases that lead to a disappearance or death.

From the Information in this case that we can confirm to be true, I believe Aeryn likely met with foul play. The most integral piece of Information is the altercation that took place in the Kaiserbründl. Which we know must have taken place after 19:27 which is when Aeryn sent the last text message on his phone before putting it into his bag. The only Information we have on the altercation is that according to the police a guest put his hand on Aeryn's shoulder and asked about his well being after which Aeryn suddenly lashed out and ran out the Sauna in a panic. A bar keeper at the Sauna supposedly saw Aeryn on CCTV footage but this footage has never been reviewed by anyone, Police or otherwise, none of the footage at the Kaiserbründl has. Whether or not this person was Jenz or whether Jenz was only watching this cannot be said for certain, however this very moment is most likely the one Jenz thinks of as he breaks down crying while giving Katheryn the tour of the Kaiserbründl. This moment is most likely the moment that resulted directly in Aeryn's disappearance. There are some claims that there was an altercation between tourists and locals in the Sauna which would likely have been this very same altercation and someone possibly confusing Aeryn as a tourist due to his accent. Either way I can only guess what happened here as there is not much factual Information to go on here, but there are some clues that may lead into the right direction.

Aeryn Gillern was Mr Gay Austria 2006. A Mr Gay vote, similarly to a Mrs World vote, is a form of beauty pageant where gay men compete on a stage with looks and a small talent show, which Aeryn won after displaying his whistling talents. There was apparently contempt and jealousy going around and as the Kaiserbründl was the one that sponsored the event and many of its patrons would have been a part of it. The man Aeryn had an altercation with could have been one of those jealous patrons, perhaps rather than him having asked for Aeryn's well being he gave him a threatening message. Perhaps because he was jealous of Aeryn winning or perhaps for another reason entirely. What I believe to be very likely however is that said patron is either a person of high influence or power or friends with other gay men of influence or power that also frequent the Kaiserbründl. It is no conspiracy that there are powerful guests amongst the Kaiserbründl's regulars and there always have been. If people such as these were involved in the disappearance it would be of no surprise why Jenz and Evelyn knew what took place here and stayed quiet about it as these very well are people with the ability to make someone disappear. The Kaiserbründl's discretion is what makes the place so appealing to many powerful people who are active in the gay community but may not want their sexual orientation revealed due to fear of repercussion in their social circles and their professional life. Its discreet nature also gives us another clue as to what may have happened to Aeryn. As stated by Wolf Deucker, the witness who last saw Aeryn, Aeryn looked as though he was being pursued but there were no other pedestrians around. I believe Aeryn's pursuers were likely not on their feet but in a Car. The discreet parking space of the Kaiserbründl meant that the people who saw the altercation in the Sauna and the people immediately outside of the Sauna's entrance who saw Aeryn run out naked would not have seen a car leaving from the Kaiserbründl even if it left immediately

after Aeryn. The side streets in this area would have allowed the car to easily catch up to wherever Aeryn was running to without being seen or seeming suspicious to the witness Wolf Deucker or any other Pedestrians that may have seen it. The side streets also allow for many spots where they could have cut Aeryn off, potentially knocking him out and putting him in the car before disposing of him somewhere else (possibly even in the Kaiserbründls own unusually deep well where they could've simply driven back into the discreet parking space, waited until all the Patrons left and dropped his body into the Well where it would likely never be found nor noticed). The chances that Aeryn was knocked out and put into a car without being seen are much likelier than him ever reaching the Danube canal and jumping off without being seen. While this theory might seem a little far fetched, the fact that we cannot confirm any sighting of Aeryn beyond the Dominikanerbastei, I cannot subscribe to any theory where Aeryn got much further than that let alone all the way to and into the Danube Canal with only one very dodgy witness that continuously changed his story or had his story changed by police.

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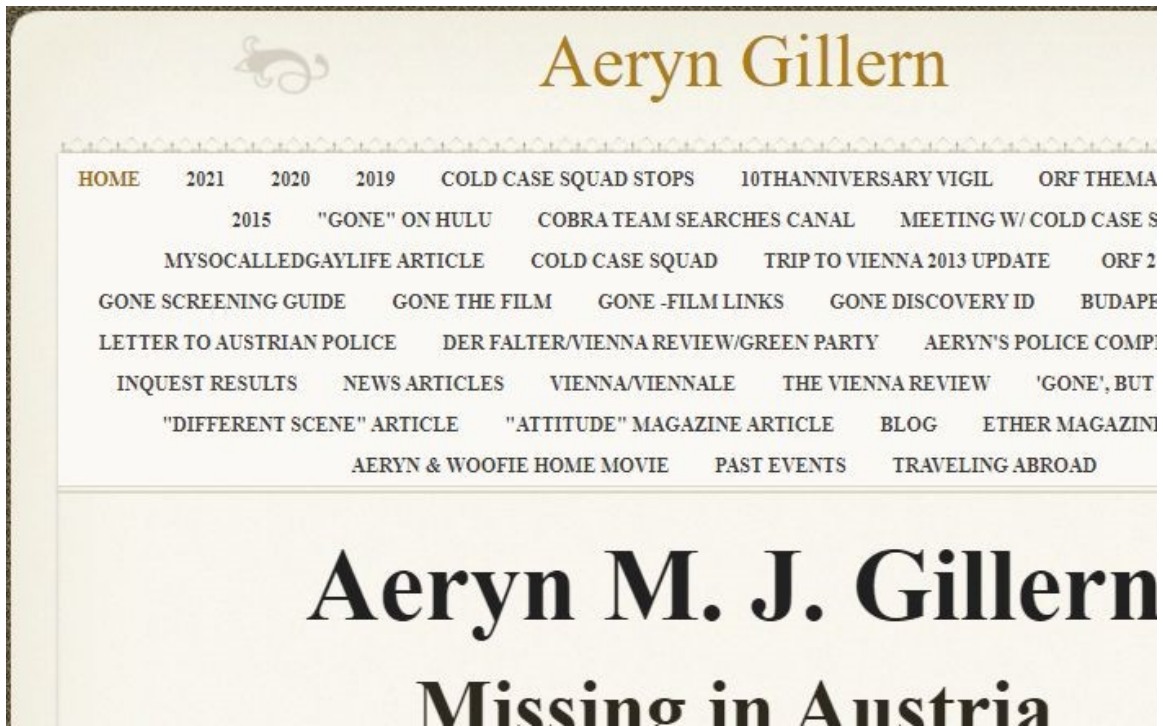
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If you have any Information at all in the case of Aeryn Gillern, in particular Information that may lead to Jenz or Evelyn coming forward with what they know, I urge you to come forward and help give Aeryn's family closure and to help find Aeryn and grant him a final resting place.

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From: briansmithdc@aol.com,
To: unido@unido.org,
Subject: Attn: Gerd Müller, Director-General
Date: Sat, Dec 10, 2022 11:19 pm

Gerd Müller, Director-General
UNIDO
Vienna , Austria

Mr. Müller,

I am inquiring about an incident involving one of your employees that occurred many years before you became Director-General. As such, I would not expect you to have much firsthand knowledge of any developments but perhaps you do know who would have that information and be kind enough to forward my concerns to that person or department.

On 29 October 2007 one of your research assistants working at UNIDO headquarters in Vienna went missing. Aeryn Gillern (DOB: 28 April 1973) had been appointed to that position in 2003. To date, Vienna authorities have been incapable of providing any credible story of the specifics of Mr. Gillern's disappearance.

Has UNIDO been able to do anything to find out what happened to their employee? Is your parent organization, the United Nations, aware of this situation?

Thank you very much for your attention.

Dr. Brian A. Smith
Orlando , FL

Gay & Lesbian Men & Women of Franciscan University

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008

[HTTPS://GLBTFUS.BLOGSPOT.COM/2008/12/WHAT-HAPPENED-TO-AERYN-GILLERN.HTML](https://glbtfus.blogspot.com/2008/12/what-happened-to-aeryn-gillern.html)

What happened to Aeryn Gillern?

Last night, I ran across a very disturbing story online that I thought I would share with you. The story is about a mother's search for her missing gay son who was last seen on October 29, 2007 in Austria. The missing man's name is **Aeryn Gillern**.

Aeryn attended Franciscan University of Steubenville. I don't know if he attended the Austria campus or not, but according to the various articles, he was living in Austria at the time of his disappearance.

I never met Aeryn. However, I do feel that I have a kinship with him by having shared experiences of being gay and attending FUS. He is my gay brother. And for that reason, I also have a concern for his welfare. I can't help but feel compassion for his partner and his family and I hope one day they will have closure with Aeryn's disappearance.

While I could go into the details of the story, I think it's best to simply copy/paste and refer you to one of the links I found which describes in depth the details leading up to and occurring at the time of Aeryn's disappearance. (Viewpoints story follows this one)

From <http://viewpoints-wehmut2000.blogspot.com/2008/10/what-happened-to-aeryn-gillern.html>

I also suggest you to Google Aeryn's name for more reading information.

Kathy Gillern's son Aeryn disappeared in Vienna on October 29, 2007. The Vienna police say they have done their best to find him, but have they? A mother in Cortland, New York is still trying to find out what happened to her son, who disappeared nearly a year ago in Vienna, Austria, but she isn't getting much help from Viennese authorities.

At the time of his disappearance, [Aeryn Gillern](#) was 34 and employed as a research clerk by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization ([UNIDO](#)), a UN specialized agency headquartered in Vienna, Austria. He had been living in Austria for the past six years. He was [scholarly](#), well-liked by his coworkers, a deeply religious Catholic who had [studied theology](#) and earned a masters degree, and winner of the title "[Mr. Gay Austria](#)" [LINK not working 12.12.2022] in 2006. When Aeryn Gillern vanished on October 29, 2007, there were clothes left in the washer in his apartment and freshly baked Rice Krispies treats on the kitchen counter. When he didn't show up at work for two days, concerned a concerned neighbor and a coworker notified authorities. But the official investigation of Aeryn Gillern's disappearance has gone nowhere.

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The record thus far suggests that the Vienna police investigation was slipshod at best, and the cover-up of a hate crime at worst. The characterization of Aeryn Gillern as a suicide-prone, HIV-positive man who "spontaneously" threw himself into a canal sounds like an excuse not to pursue the investigation because the victim was gay. The homophobia is barely concealed, and the unwillingness to dig deeper into the case is suspicious. Officially, the investigation is proceeding, but nothing is being done. If Gillern went into a canal, on his own or with help, where is his body? What measures have the Vienna Police taken to locate the alleged corpse, including contacting the police of neighboring countries? Why is the disappearance of a properly documented foreign employee of a UN agency in Vienna being swept under the rug as if he were a foreign sex-tourist who got what he deserved? And why is the U.S. government, which intervenes in the affairs of foreign countries routinely, doing nothing to pressure Austrian authorities to probe deeper?

Anyone who cares about basic human rights should be outraged about how the Aeryn Gillern case has been treated by both Austrian and American authorities. I hope that Mrs. Gillern asks New York's senators, [Charles Schumer](#) and [Hillary Clinton](#), to exert pressure on the U.S. State Department to pursue this case vigorously.

Posted by Wehmut2000 at [4:52 PM](#)

Labels: [Aeryn Gillern](#), [homophobia](#), [missing adults](#)

I realize that there is nothing we can do to physically help Mrs.

Gillern's search for her lost son. I do believe we can help Mrs. Gillern in contacting her senators for assistance. It is the right thing to do. We are our brothers keeper.

Posted by Protos Therapy at 9:48 AM

Find Aeryn Gillern said...

I came across your site this morning and was very relieved to see that Aeryn's disappearance has caught the attention of some alumni from Franciscan University.

I, Aeryn's mother, have been reluctant to contact the school for fear of what type of reaction it would bring. My experiences in Vienna over Aeryn's disappearance have been so disturbing and unacceptable that I did not want to submit myself and my son to anymore rejection. Aeryn did spend a year in Gaming, returned to Steubenville and graduated in 1997. He returned to Austria and attended the seminary in Graz. He left the seminary feeling hypocritical about becoming a gay priest and being expected to preach against homosexuality. In 2002 he returned to Vienna to work with UNIDO.

I was in Vienna again in October 2008 and met with members of the Green Party of Parliament. They have submitted a formal inquest into the behavior of the police towards the investigation and myself. The Minister of the Interior has two months to answer the 39 questions that were submitted. I am hopeful that some good comes from this.

There are many good links if you google Aeryn's name or my own Kathy Gilleran. The link below is to a very good AP article that only got picked up by a few newspapers. [LINK not working 12.12.2022]

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I ask that you pray for some resolution in this case, that Aeryn be found so that we may bring him home, and that no other family or individual ever be subjected to such blatant homophobia.

Thank you so much for trying to get this out to others. Above all Aeryn loved the God and the Church, although he often disagreed with a lot of things. Religion was his core.

Also some people may remember him with the last name Jackson. He legally changed his last name in 2002 to Gillern.

Thank you,
Kathy Gilleran

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Kathy Gillern, a former Ithaca police officer, has urged the Vienna police to press the investigation in a more aggressive manner, but they have refused. Mrs. Gillern wonders whether this may be because the openly gay Gillern had a run-in with the Viennese police in January 2003 and may have made a complaint about it to [Amnesty International](#). Austrian federal criminal investigations bureau spokesman Armin Halm says that the police have done all they can, and an American state department spokesman, Cy Ferencak, stated that American authorities have no power to intervene in an investigation in a foreign country. A high-ranking official in the Vienna Police wrote in an email: "No shortfalls whatsoever were determined; all necessary measures were taken within the scope of what was legally possible. I have nothing more to say about this case. Our officers did their work; there are no shortfalls."

The record thus far suggests that the Vienna police investigation was slipshod at best, and the cover-up of a hate crime at worst. The characterization of Aeryn Gillern as a suicide-prone, HIV-positive man who "spontaneously" threw himself into a canal sounds like an excuse not to pursue the investigation because the victim was gay. The homophobia is barely concealed, and the unwillingness to dig deeper into the case is suspicious. Officially, the investigation is proceeding, but nothing is being done. If Gillern went into a canal, on his own or with help, where is his body? What measures have the Vienna Police taken to locate the alleged corpse, including contacting the police of neighboring countries? Why is the disappearance of a properly documented foreign employee of a UN agency in Vienna being swept under the rug as if he were a foreign sex-tourist who got what he

deserved? And why is the U.S. government, which intervenes in the affairs of foreign countries routinely, doing nothing to pressure Austrian authorities to probe deeper?

Anyone who cares about basic human rights should be outraged about how the Aeryn Gillern case has been treated by both Austrian and American authorities. I hope that Mrs. Gillern asks New York's senators, [Charles Schumer](#) and [Hillary Clinton](#), to exert pressure on the U.S. State Department to pursue this case vigorously.

Posted by [Wehmut2000](#) at 4:52 PM

Labels: [Aeryn Gillern](#), [homophobia](#), [missing adults](#)

49 comments:

[GirlyGal](#) said...

This is a frightening story. I suspect that part of the issue is that the police don't take his disappearance seriously because he doesn't fit the preferred profile (blond, blue-eyed, young female). I hope his mother eventually gets some closure.

[October 14, 2008 at 6:34 PM](#)

[runningpal](#) said...

As a parent, grandparent and human being, I find Aeryn Gillern's disappearance very frightening. He worked for the United Nations, but there has been no comment on their response. Have they been of assistance? If not, why not?

I too recommend that Aeryn's mother contact her senators and congressional representative.

The results are not likely to be positive, but someone should be able to find out why the Vienna authorities have caused or supported a coverup.

[October 15, 2008 at 8:59 PM](#)

[koit](#) said...

In addition to contacting federal representatives, I would recommend calling the National Organization of Victim Assistance. They have worked well in the past with situations involving American citizens victimized abroad.

Call 1-800-TRY-NOVA (1-800-879-6682) or (703) 535-NOVA (6682)

[October 16, 2008 at 12:52 PM](#)

Cincinnati said...

This is simply unconscionable. Anyone who thinks discrimination does not exist toward the gay community should read this story - and many, many others that are similar. Anyone who is gay has experienced discrimination from the authorities, courts, and governmental agencies.

It does not just happen in other countries - it happens here at home.

March 22, 2012 at 9:46 AM

Anonymous said...

Discrimination is alive and well all over the world. Anyone who thinks discrimination does not exist toward the gay community should read this story - and many, many others that are similar. Anyone who is gay has experienced discrimination from the authorities, courts, and governmental agencies.

Henry Vinson

March 22, 2012 at 9:48 AM

Anonymous said...

According to a Dutch friend of mine who lived in Germany, Austria and Italy, the Austrian police is not all that upstanding; the Italian police has far more integrity than the Austrian police. I wonder whether some rich or important person is responsible for Aeryn's disappearance and the police is covering up.

March 22, 2012 at 9:53 AM

Anonymous said...

It could've been one of his associates. Ms. Gillern's attitude toward the Viennese people has been less than affable. While I wish her luck, she must remember her precious son is only one of many victims.

March 22, 2012 at 10:52 AM

Anonymous said...

Less than affable, she has been more than patient with the police in Vienna and they should not be in that line of work if they are not willing to do their job... period! They are either lazy or they are trying to cover up the facts. Aaron had filed a complaint about the police back in 03 when he was assaulted by

them and discriminated against.... Her precious son is only one of many victims? I definitely believe that considering the police work I have seen in this case! Does that make his disappearance Any less important....NO! And judging by your comment you don't think the police in Vienna should have to answer for what they have done, is that because Aaron was gay or because your gay and don't want to accept it? YOU ARE IGNORANT!

March 22, 2012 at 12:00 PM

Charley Snow-White said...

This is an outrage! I had just learned about this incident this morning. The documentary "Gone" was on air. The Austrian government is full of s#\+ and as for the US, I am appalled that our government has not intervened. I saw the pain in Mrs. Gillerns' face and as a mother, A citizen to learn that the government does not care about their own was disheartening. hey deserve to know the truth and I am certain that the Austrian government has all of the answers.....

March 22, 2012 at 3:05 PM

Anonymous said...

Tragic story; poor mother. Clearly the Austrian authorities are not going to give their time and resources to a foreigner --- it's no loss to them. Their society has held witness and partaken in larger tragedies -- with no real regard to human kind/life. So many unanswered questions and thoughts... Where are Aeryn's Austrian friends? Those friends can be instrumental in applying pressure. The vision of the mother holding a vigil alone was heart breaking. The Kaiserbrundl is key in this matter -- and so many are protecting this "institution". How awfully sad that a country and culture that he loved so dearly -- abandoned and betrayed him.

March 22, 2012 at 7:31 PM

anonymity said...

I watched Aeryn's mother on the Discovery ID channel and her story broke my heart. Although I don't know her son, I too would like to know what happened to him and am outraged at the treatment that she received from the Austrian authorities. Aeryn and his mother will forever remain in my prayers. I hope that he will one day be able to rest in peace and that his mother will one day be able to bring him home. I strongly believe that

he was a victim of a senseless crime because someone who was "Mr. Gay Austria" and HIV negative would never have taken his own life. So, to the so-called Austrian investigators.....FUCK YOU I HOPE YOU ROT IN HELL!

March 23, 2012 at 4:54 AM

Anonymous said...

I also watched GONE on ID yesterday, 3-22-2012.. My heart just broke 4 Kathy. It surely seems the police are protecting someone in high authority, something happened @ the Kaiserbrundl, involving someone that had enough clout to have the police cover it up. So sad, I hope someone will grow a conscience & come forward with the Information that can solve this terrible nightmare.

March 23, 2012 at 10:19 AM

MistyRose1997 said...

I too like many others just learned of this horrible, nightmarish tragedy while watching the independent film about it on ID a little less than a week ago. I can't believe this happened going on 5 years ago, and not only is this the first time I and many others are even learning about it for the first time..but the case "still" is not properly investigated or brought to any "true" conclusive closure. WHAT A NIGHTMARE! It's appalling to me that not one individual nor group in all this time had the decency to take this case up from scratch & give it some true attention to detail to find the answers for this heart-broken woman, and this lost, beautiful, intelligent man. And it utterly sickens me that this guy adored and admired this nation that literally spat on his existence and threw him away like trash to be discarded and never seen again. I couldn't stop myself from looking on the net and reading every drop of info there is out here about poor Aeryn, his mom and this awful mystery; which I agree w/ most people was a tight-lipped cover-up by "mainly" the Kaiserbuendl spa in conjunction w/ the police. I have no doubt in my mind that given the resistance, disregard, lack of interest and/or endeavors to truly investigate "at least" what really happened to him (especially since they didn't have the decency to try and recover his remains so that his mother and loved ones could bring him home for a proper service in a land where he was truly loved for who he was and all he was) that Aeryn ran into or possibly witnessed or overheard something that was never meant to be known publicly of either a person of high ranking

authority at the UN/ his own work-place, or possibly a member of the Green Party itself in Austria, some other high ranking official, possibly a wealthy Austrian citizen noted or not OR what I think may be highly most probable of all...a scum police officer... perhaps even one of the ones from the precinct where he was harassed, assaulted and maligned. In the film, you hear Kathy, Aeryn's mom mention how eventually the owner/proprietor of the Kaiserbruendl let her inside and gave her a tour, and I don't remember if she said it was weeks or months later, but either way "how convenient" it was like here take a look...this long afterwards...he's not here! And then he actually dropped to the tile floor, and began sobbing and saying this is the last place I saw him alive! In America that is a statement of "material knowledge" and would be grounds for a subpoena & how dare those God-awful Austrian police refuse that woman use of a restroom when she felt like she was going to become ill or let her stand near an open window for air when the nausea hit her! All of that foul treatment is indicative of an elitist attitude and a sense of superiority over her and them lording power over her to make her feel weak and ashamed because she was the mother of a gay son. No police officer anywhere on this planet, in any nation should be allowed to maintain a position as one when such overt and obvious prejudices are evidenced in their behavior and treatment, especially when they are sworn to uphold laws AS WELL AS RIGHTS of all their people equally...citizens or not, and that kind of blatant, ignorance and hate is a disability! Im so upset with this case in so many ways. I haven't been able to stop thinking about poor Aeryn or his mom since Gone aired on ID where I live just about a week ago...just so heart-wrenching, unjust and unsettling!

March 26, 2012 at 7:02 AM

Anonymous said...

I am not trying to attack any country or anything but this is my opinion on this coverup..which is what it is.

In Europe, having lived there myself for three years..one will be shocked to find out sometimes how blatant the coverups are.Speaking from personal experience..a family member of my ex who was somewhat popular in the small town we lived in got favors done for him all the time by the police.. so if a moderately wealthy man can have such influence..could you imagine a politician?

Remember the Marc Dutroux case in Belgium? Most Belgians know that politicians were involved in buying and ordering kiddie porn and yet the police insisted there was no pedo network & that the accused Dutroux was working alone. Now this went all the way up to the most influential politicians but in spite of witness testimonies and heaps of evidence, the politicians were never brought to trial.

My point here is that this is probably politically motivated considering Aeryn's job and the huge police cover up, cops fearing for their lives etc. obviously they are covering for someone high up there and sadly if they wanted this to go away, they very well could have.

They say Aeryn was running scared when the couple witnessed him. what could he have seen that scared him so much? All i am saying is that a bit of research into these matters. Bohemian grove etc would reveal just what kind of evil we have running the worlds governments and sadly the good guys who live to tell the tale dont live long at all.

June 5, 2013 at 8:54 AM

Anonymous said...

I for one think the police know and others know and they are all a bunch of chickens, i think of this a lot, that mother mostly

October 23, 2013 at 2:01 PM

reino333 said...

This is a government cover up on their part. A dead American working for the UN turning up dead is not good for "business" at any level, so they covered it up.

October 26, 2013 at 9:47 AM

Anonymous said...

UNIDOS do you know anything?...

You should know anything a least investigate.

October 26, 2013 at 11:42 AM

Anonymous said...

I saw this story and my heart goes out to his mother. I once dreamed of Austria, now I am just sickened and will never set foot in that country. It doesn't surprise about the police. Some police would call this a NHI case (No Humans Involved) these

include, gays, prostitutes, people who use drugs, runaways and anyone else they think are less than. I'm not saying everyone police officer thinks this way, but I have heard the term used often. You would think in this day and age things would be different. Don't act surprised it happens right here in the United States, it makes me sick My friends daughter was murdered, or as the police say under mysterious circumstances. Thank god she's not missing, but what has happened is just as bad.

How many of you would leave your girlfriend you say you loved in your father's house? Grab her purse, that by all accounts was never out of her sights, go to her and her mother's friends house to hang out. Never saying anything to anyone. Letting your father come home after a long weekend to find your girlfriend dead in his house. Who does that? A killer that who! He's getting away with it.

Homicide detectives investigate suspicious death in Chollas Creek Posted: Oct 24, 2012 2:43 AM EDT Updated: Oct 24, 2012 2:58 AM EDT

Video Report By Richard Allyn, Reporter – bio

SAN DIEGO (CBS 8) - Homicide detectives were investigating a suspicious death at a Chollas Creek apartment complex Tuesday evening.

I don't care what kind of lifestyle a person has. They are humans with families and friends and to be shut down or out is just so awful This will be over when someone else's falls prey to this creep.

October 29, 2013 at 11:52 AM

Lincoln said...

I have read numerous comments and seen the TV programs concerning this matter. However, I have seen no indication that anyone has diligently sort God's help in solving the disappearance of her son. God cannot lie and if the mother will ask God in the name of Jesus, she will eventually know what happened to her son. She has to believe and have faith as it is impossible to please God without faith. The mother should fast and pray and God will answer her prayer. Stop depending on man. Let God handle this matter

April 6, 2014 at 8:04 AM

Anonymous said...

I was planning a trip to vienna in September of this year ,,after watching the movie this morning I have cancelled my plans. I will not give them a penny or support that corrupt city. Its a matter of time before the cover up gets exposed. Someone will piss the wrong person off at that sauna and start talking. I believe they murdered him because he was approached at the Sauna and refused their sick wishes , he threatened to report him and their security rushed him , he tried to get away but was apprehended by the evil scum that they are,This Murderer will Rot in Hell .

I send Positive Energy and peace to his mom .

April 6, 2014 at 3:22 PM

Anonymous said...

Where is the US government in all of this? If this happened to an Austrian citizen while visiting our country it would be a worldwide scandal if we reacted the same way. Someone knows what happened to him.....

April 10, 2014 at 4:03 PM

Anonymous said...

I watched the Aeryn Gillern doc and I am so sickened and heartbroken. For an American citizen who works for a branch of the United Nations in Vienna to go missing is frightening. For the American and Austrian authorities to do nothing is disgusting. I hope and pray that this case is solved and to Aeryn Gillerns mother, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sad.

April 10, 2014 at 8:53 PM

Anonymous said...

Magic thinking

April 2, 2015 at 1:08 AM

Unknown said...

I' believe he was murdered given some drug what create intense paranoia because nobody is running naked down on the street and frightened for nothing Gay or Straight

May 21, 2015 at 6:12 PM

Anonymous said...

i recently viewed the documentary "Gone". someone at the united nations knows what has happened to this young man. someone of importance. i believe this someone had their people contact the police before this young man was reported missing. this someone also made sure no one at the sauna spoke. whether through hush monies or threats. i have wondered if the young couple who saw him running down the street had wished they had intervened and offered help. there is nothing this government will do to help this woman find her son or find out what happened. i do believe that it would be a tremendous boost for Hilary Clinton's presidential campaign to involve herself and launch an investigation. surely she knows people in the American Embassy in Vienna with ties to other people in Vienna that can secure this mother the needed information regarding her son's disappearance. after 7 years, some one should have the decency to speak up in one way or the other. any information is better than none at all. my hope is for her to finally get to the truth of this matter.

June 5, 2015 at 6:19 PM

Anonymous said...

I believe he was summoned to the spa by the owners and a very special wealthy individual. I believe that he was going to be kidnapped by several people and taken to a place for this wealthy perv.

I believe Aeryn refused the offer and people attempted to abduct him. He fought them off and ran.

,,,a dream I had.

July 13, 2015 at 7:24 AM

Anonymous said...

I'm guessing that the police know what happened to him, men of influence visit the sauna, that is how it has been able to stay open for years. I do believe someone of influence is involved and Aeryn was not an Austrian and they would not give up one of their own for an outsider.

I am surprised that they have not found any remains. Those officers who treated her so horribly and were so disrespectful to her, should all be jailed.

July 11, 2018 at 2:12 AM

Burt in California said...

I'm convinced the sauna owner knows what transpired that night. He would know of the camera video that night that would provide valuable leads: who was there at that time, who knows of why exactly Aeryn ran out. It could be that Aeryn was running from the sauna owner who's advances he rejected. I'm convinced the sauna owner is paying off the corrupt Vienna police department. It's possible that a wealthy corrupt oligarch responsible for Aeryn's death has paid the sauna owner and Vienna police department.

My grandfather was born in Vienna and migrated through Ellis Island, NY in the early 1900's. I had considered visiting Vienna, Austria; although, now it is off my places to vacation until justice is served for Aeryn. It's amazing how a "developed" country can be so primitive with human rights. It needs to be brought out to the public awareness that these atrocities exist today. My deepest sympathy to Aeryn's family and friends.

April 14, 2019 at 9:17 AM

Unknown said...

The first time anyone told me that my son didn't matter and he's just gone, I would absolutely tear them apart. sounds like maybe Hitler still has a hold on these investigators view points.

April 19, 2019 at 2:23 PM

Jennifer Thomas said...

The power to keep the answers to this tragic and appalling situation zipped shut apparently sit high up politically, exerting considerable influence over all outlets of Austria's law, order, and "justice" (quotation marks to denote irony) systems. It's surprising that this powerful and influential force must be gay himself if the luxurious homosexual sauna where the crime apparently took place was the recipient of such a thorough and wide-sweeping coverup on so many levels. How additionally heinous then for Aeryn's own homosexuality be used as a red herring and a source of defamation to dehumanize this seemingly lovely human being and his family, minimize his worth as a human, and dismiss the situation all together. I'm certain this politically powerful (and potentially violent?) other homosexual male for whom this coverup was created, enacted, and maintained for nearly 15 years now knew Aeryn personally before the night in question and knows exactly where his

remains are located. And far be it from me to assess an individual's motivations and emotions, but I doubt he feels the slightest shred of remorse for using and turning up the heat of hatred towards members of the LBGTQ community by so many to keep his crime buried as deeply and maintained as naturally as possible by so many willing accomplices - hating the victim and serving the perpetrator, unknowingly or knowingly.

May 10, 2019 at 12:28 AM

Unknown said...

That's bullshit!

Just telling on God is just letting it go- ridiculous and weak!

There are international laws in place to manage situations. The trip is; people have to force their hands to get justice now! This talk about leaving it to God is the most pathetic, cowardly statement I've ever heard

May 21, 2019 at 9:45 PM

Jirt10789 said...

STILL NO ANSWERS????????? WTF???

June 22, 2019 at 7:40 PM

Anonymous said...

I have just seen the documentary 'Gone' this week. Unbelievable. The company he worked for should have participated fully with no exception, the police, of course, did not do their job deliberately. Did they know who Aeryn was? He filed a report in 2003 against them. It looks totally like they just didn't care...at all. I don't know why the video tapes at the spa weren't confiscated immediately by demand of the Mother. I also don't know why the membership of this spa was not combed over one by one...who doesn't have an alibi? The man who worked there was visibly upset and showed the floor as the last place he saw him...well, he should be charged with accessory to murder because he is clearly hiding information. Press him because he cared but clearly felt helpless. He has information that will solve this case and that is why he refused to discuss the incident. The spa should have been closed and a sweep made of the entire place and who was there, had been there, was going there. Any one of them could know who jumped Aeryn in the spa. Also, I would like to know if anyone else ran out of the

spa...to get away...to chase Aeryn. There is no discussion about that. Why not?

June 27, 2019 at 6:59 PM

Anonymous said...

Great points! I completely agree that they need to press the guy who collapsed on the floor at the spa. And there could've been videos that have now probably been erased. I wonder what they would've found if they actually cared and if they had pressed the spa owner and done a sweep.

September 23, 2019 at 12:46 AM

Unknown said...

Back to Austria 1930's Nazism and their ideas about being Gay. Something happened, so start with the Sauna baths, that's who knows the answers of why he was so scared he ran out naked and afraid. notice along the path he ran, was the word Nazi sprayed on the building walls. Then you have the Law of that country which if like everyone else's, it's a big Brotherhood that stands together thru thick and thin, "Us vs Them" is a way of thinking. Now look at Nazi photos of the Brown Shirted officers and how they were also a Brotherhood. Nazism is still ingrained in some generations and ideals run deep, maybe deeper than we want to admit. To me one of the key reasons this investigation was riddled with laziness was attached with the words, "he was gay", and put that with their instilled ideals of who is worthy as a person and who is cattle. so this young man is no longer a human, he is an easily forgotten idea that gay means soulless animal. I think its ironic that he loved that country enough to settle there as his 2nd homeland, and his new homeland treated him and his mother like dirt. i would boycott traveling there for any reason. I would not spend one dime in tourist trade to a place the was so disrespectful and dishonest at the highest level. So if I was jewish, gay, etc. Stay away from Austria, because Nazism is still alive I am afraid ..

October 6, 2019 at 9:47 PM

Unknown said...

I'M A SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDING IN THE USA I'M NOW A U.S. CITIZEN AS WELL I'M A BLACK FEMALE AND I'M APPALLED.. I MEAN I SEE HOW WHITE POLICE TREAT BLACK AMERICANS LIKE ANIMALS SHOOT THEM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY IN

THE 21ST CENTURY YET SOMEHOW THIS TAKES THE CAKE.. I CAN'T EVEN CRY I'M NUMB I WANT TO FIND HIM□□□

March 20, 2020 at 8:12 AM

Ann said...

My gut tells me that he witnessed something sinister and this is why the fight broke out. Sounds like he was running for his life.

May 2, 2020 at 8:13 PM

Anonymous said...

When the mother uses the word "chochkeys" (however it's spelled), that made me think she might be Jewish because I do believe that's a Jewish term for a trinket. So I wonder if, in addition to being gay, either Aeryn was Jewish or something about him made someone(s) in that sauna think he was Jewish, and that's what happened to him.

July 14, 2020 at 4:58 PM

Anonymous said...

I don't think she is Jewish at all. She admits she is Irish Catholic. In fact, he graduated from an Austrian Catholic seminary.

Notice, nothing at all is mentioned about his father. If anything, the victim looks half black. So, if there is a bias in the investigation, it may pertain to race. Was Aeryn (sp?) adopted or does the mom simply refuse to disclose info about the dad

July 29, 2020 at 8:02 AM

ERNIE FAZ said...

I hope one day Aeryn's mom goes to a psychic...maybd then she will find out the truth. and be able to bring Aeryn's remains home

May 16, 2021 at 8:05 PM

Anonymous said...

Agree. He may have been sexually assaulted by one or more perpetrators, hence leaving the bathhouse, running and without any of his clothes.

June 22, 2021 at 7:47 PM

Anonymous said...

Interesting a sugar sweet portrait of a missing man. Someone killed him JUST because he was gay...bitch please.

There are some interesting questions that were never asked and I wonder why is that? To find the truth we need to ask proper questions...

August 11, 2022 at 6:28 AM

Anonymous said...

I really think there is more to this than he was gay. He knew something, perhaps through work, that someone with great power and influence did not want to get out. Good chance a high ranking politician is involved since the US in no way pushed the issue. I feel so bad for Kathy. The level of evil in this world is astounding.

September 1, 2022 at 6:38 PM

European Court of Human Rights
Council of Europe
67075 Strasbourg Cedex
FRANCE

European Court of Human Rights
12 December 2022

Jurisdictional question: a US citizen working in Vienna for the United Nations disappeared in 2007; the presumption is homicide. There was little if any, police investigation, and the Austrian Parliament refused to investigate after the police investigation revealed nothing. Is this under the jurisdiction of your Court? The missing person is Aeryn Gillern and he disappeared 29 October 2007.

Thank you very much.

Brian A. Smith
Orlando, FL

From: echr.noreply@echr.coe.int,
To: BRIANSMITHDC@AOL.COM,
Subject: RE: Ask a question
Date: Tue, Dec 13, 2022 3:13 am

Dear Sir,

The Court has jurisdiction to hear allegations of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights and does so on receiving individual or inter-State applications. It cannot take up cases of its own motion.

Please follow the link below to the attention of persons wishing to apply to the Court. As you will notice, there are some admissibility conditions, in particular the exhaustion of domestic remedies.

http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Questions_Answers_ENG.pdf

More information about the admissibility conditions can be found on the Internet website:

http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Admissibility_guide_ENG.pdf

Yours sincerely,

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Details of the request

Message: **Jurisdictional question: a US citizen working in Vienna for the United Nations disappeared in 2007; the presumption is homicide. There was little if any, police investigation, and the Austrian Parliament refused to investigate after the police investigation revealed nothing. Is this under the jurisdiction of your Court? The missing person is Aeryn Gillern and he disappeared 29 October 2007. Thank you very much.**

From: briansmithdc@aol.com,
To: O.BULAVAKARUA@unido.org,
Subject: Re: Mr. Aeryn Gillern - Attn: Gerd Müller, Director-General
Date: Sun, Jan 8, 2023 3:13 am

Okusitina Bulavakarua
Chief, Human Resources Services
UNIDO

Thank you for your reply. I have no relationship with the Gillem family directly. In fact, I only recently became aware of the tragic loss of Aeryn. After learning about what happened I researched online to find answers to some questions and I realized that everything I was reading had been posted years ago; I wondered if there had been any progress made in uncovering what happened.

I did hear from the EU Covil Court who informed me they did not have any information and, as far as they could tell, that the Court does have jurisdiction if a person wants to follow up, and the specifics of the case meet their requirements. U did not see that anything had been filed at that level on the websites I visited and wondered if they were a possibility; so I asked for an answer before I attempted to contact Aeryn's mother and perhaps give a venue that has not yet been used.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Dr. Brian A. Smith
Orlando, Florida

-----Original Message-----

From: BULAVAKARUA, Okusitina <O.BULAVAKARUA@unido.org>
To: briansmithdc@aol.com <briansmithdc@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Jan 5, 2023 11:18 am
Subject: Mr. Aeryn Gillern - Attn: Gerd Müller, Director-General

Dear Dr. Smith,

This is a preliminary response to your email below, and to confirm that UNIDO and indeed its staff, do remember our dearest colleague Aeryn.

Your email below has been sent to our Director General. In the meantime, as I do not see your name in any of our prior correspondences, it would be appreciated if you would kindly let me know of your designation and relationship to the Gillern family. This will be greatly appreciated to enable us to respond appropriately.

With thanks and regards

Okusitina Bulavakarua
Chief, Human Resources Services
UNIDO

From: Brian Smith, DC <briansmithdc@aol.com>
Sent: 11 December 2022 05:19
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Gerd Müller, Director-General

UNIDO
Vienna, Austria

Mr. Müller,

I am inquiring about an incident involving one of your employees that occurred many years before you became Director-General. As such, I would not expect you to have much firsthand knowledge of any developments but perhaps you do know who would have that information and be kind enough to forward my concerns to that person or department.

On 29 October 2007 one of your research assistants working at UNIDO headquarters in Vienna went missing. Aeryn Gillern (DOB: 28 April 1973) had been appointed to that position in 2003. To date, Vienna authorities have been incapable of providing any credible story of the specifics of Mr. Gillern's disappearance.

Has UNIDO been able to do anything to find out what happened to their employee? Is your parent organization, the United Nations, aware of this situation?

Thank you very much for your attention.

Dr. Brian A. Smith
Orlando, FL